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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Ray Cline, DD/I

On 15 March 1963 the Assistant for Coordination circulated papers on the Concept and Management of the NIS Program (transmitted to you under memo of 19 March 1963 from AC/DCI) to State, DIA, and certain components of CIA. The concept is much the same as at present, except that Chapter I is emphasized and other coverage is to be streamlined much as we are doing now.

The management paper establishes an NIS Committee with a full-time chairman outside the DD/I area, appointed by and answering directly to the Director of Central Intelligence. Three other members, one each from State, CIA, and DIA complete the committee. CIA provides a staff and administrative support for the full-time chairman.

USIB, with the assistance of the newly-formed NIS Committee, sets priorities for NIS production, allocates production responsibilities, establishes production schedules, and approves and issues NIS outlines and outline guides. Most of these responsibilities at present are vested in the NIS Committee.

Discussion with a representative of the Coordination Staff indicates that the new NIS Committee would be responsible for coordinating other basic intelligence activities in the Intelligence Community.

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